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Emergency Responders Honored at Annual Conference

INDIANAPOLIS – Emergency responders from across the state were honored at the 28th Annual Indiana Emergency Response Conference September 18-20, 2008.

The conference was hosted by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association and the Indiana Firefighters Association and is an opportunity for Hoosier first responders to advance their knowledge and skills in emergency response, as well as learn and share best practices with peers.

The sessions at the Indiana Emergency Response Conference are geared toward fire chiefs, firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, safety educators, hazardous material responders, technical rescue, and several other public safety professions. The conference has many educational opportunities and an abundance of information on new developments in emergency services. It also offers the opportunity to learn skills for mass casualty incidents, triage, patient assessment, and performance measurement.

2008 Emergency Response Conference Award Recipients

Photograph of the Year

Mary Norton, Orland Community Volunteer Fire Department

Ambulance Provider Public Relations Award

Memorial Hospital EMS, Jasper

David J. Edwards Memorial Instructor of the Year

Kraig Kinney, Putnam County Operation Life

EMS for Children Award

Katie Sutherland, Harrison County Hospital EMS

The Otis R. Bowen, M.D. Heroic Rescue Award

John Gebhard, Perry County Memorial Hospital EMS

EMT-Basic of the Year

Theodore J. Townsend, Sugar Creek Fire Department and Transcare Ambulance Service, Terre Haute

EMT Basic-Advanced of the Year

Robert Gelhausen, Harrison County Hospital EMS

EMT Intermediate of the Year

Phyllis Caskey, Harrison County Hospital EMS

The Frank D. Gilbert, Jr. Memorial, Paramedic of the Year

Don Seketa, Wishard Hospital Ambulance Service

Medical Director of the Year

Dr. Peter L. Stevenson, Medical Director for AMR Ambulance Service, Evansville

BLS Non-Transport Provider of the Year

Washington Fire Department, Washington

EMT Intermediate Provider of the Year

Spencer County Emergency Ambulance Service

Paramedic Provider of the Year

Wells County EMS

Indiana Ambulance Association's Larry Meyer's

Award

Lutheran Critical Care Transport, Mark Pepple,
Heather Pepple

2008 Ambulance Competition Winners

EMT Basic

First Place

Statewide Transfer Ambulance and Rescue
Ray Dotson and Tiffany Randall

Second Place

Knox County EMS
Jarod Siewers and Josh Able

EMT Basic Advanced

First Place

Parkview Huntington EMS
Jeff White, Brian Miller

Second Place

Statewide Transfer Ambulance and Rescue
Chad Haniford and John Powers

Third Place

Parkview Huntington EMS
Mike Fishbaugh and Mark Dinius

EMT Intermediate

First Place

Knox County EMS
Brian Ketterer and Matthew Livingston

Second Place

Harrison County Hospital Ems
Michael Caffrey and Joe Murcock

Paramedic

First Place

Elkhart Fire Department
Grant Roberts and Vito Palumbo

Second Place

Franklin Township Fire Department
Mike Anderson and Rick Allgood

Third Place

Lutheran Air
Mark Pepple and Heather Pepple

For a description of the award, please go to www.in.gov/dhs/2341.htm.

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